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SE Conference Appreciates Record Of Emilie Pitcock

Although the Southeast Conference will feel a great loss in the departure of the Rev. Miss Emilie Pitcock from the Conference office, as Minister of Christian Education, the State of Georgia is gaining a very competent and diligent worker in its Social Service work with Families and Children Services and the Department of Human Resources.

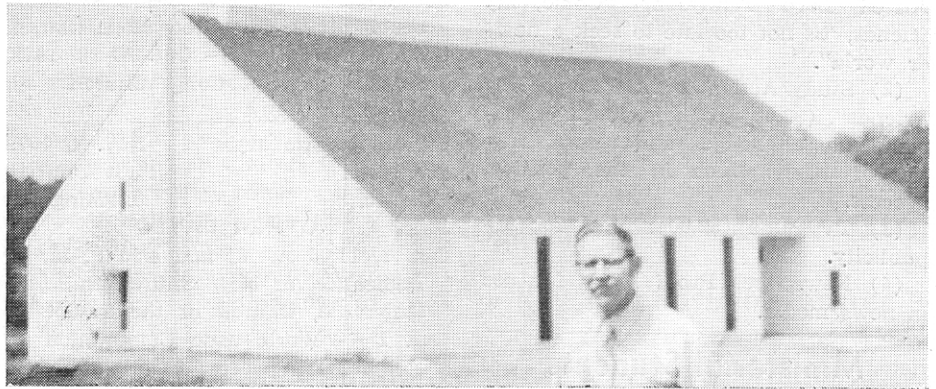
Emilie Pitcock left a record of dedicated service to practically every phase of the services rendered by the Conference, but particularly that of Christian Education and youth work. She came to the Southeast Conference first as Minister of Christian Education in 1961 and remained until the end of 1963, at which time she accepted a position at Christ's First Presbyterian Church in Hempstead, New York, as Christian Education Minister there. But Atlanta and the South held a certain fascination for Emilie and in 1966 she returned to the Southeast Conference in the same position, and for the past six years has worked faithfully at her task, being involved in so many phases of ministry not normally expected of one in this position that we are prompted to mention some of them:

The three Youth Camps: Roosevelt State Park, Ozone, and Sumatanga Camps; Atlanta Resource Bank; Birmingham Film Library and Audio-Visuals; Literature Consultant for United

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Look Up And Live To Present CORA

CBS News will present a 30-minute color film program on THE COMMISSION ON RELIGION IN APPALACHIA, INC. (CORA), a cooperative church social ministry venture, on its Look Up and Live series October 15 (Sunday, 10:30 A. M.)



Knoxville Church To Be Dedicated

SET ONE SUNDAY ASIDE

A little over a year ago, the Eighth General Synod of the United Church of Christ recommended that the churches set one Sunday aside in 1972 and in 1973 to observe as American Indian Sunday. The recommended date this year is November 19, the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Every congregation will receive ma-

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A new innovative and unconventional church building is nearing completion at the intersection of Weisgarber and Lonas Roads, Knoxville, Tenn. The congregation, Church of the Savior, has been meeting in the nearly completed building for worship services and other activities since July 2, 1972. The formal dedication of the new building will be held on three successive Sundays: Sept. 24, October 1, and October 8, 1972. On the first Sunday a feature will be the laying of the cornerstone and the receiving of those confirmed into membership.

On the second Sunday will be the principle dedication service, with Dr. James Lightbourne of Burlington, N. C., former Conference Minister of the Southeast Conference, as featured speaker. This service will be held in the afternoon, along with an open house for the community. On the third Sunday the Alabama-Tennessee Association will hold their annual meeting at the church and at the morning service will join in the final service of dedication and the dedication of memorials.

This church group, a part of the United Church of Christ, met until 1968 in a downtown stone-faced building at Church and Walnut, the present location of the new City-County Library. During the interim period they have met in a large stone residence near the present new building and for one year, during 1971-1972, shared facilities with

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YOUTH WEEK 1972

Dates: October 29-November 5, 1972
Goal: Enable youth to meet the needs of their fellowman.

Materials (order from: Youth Week 1972, Division of Youth Activities, U. S. C. C., 1312 Massachusetts Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005.)

(1) Poster (25c) with the words of Alfred Lord Tennyson, "Come, my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a new world".

(2) Study/Action Book, "Come, My Friends". (\$2.00) To help youth understand the challenges and responsibilities of participation in the political process.

(3) TV Slide (\$2.00): Ideal for TV publicity.

(4) Newspaper Proof (25c) for use in news media.

Ministerial Students

J. C. DOLLAR, ministerial student from Lanett, Alabama, graduated from Elon College this past May and is now serving as pastor of the New Hope, Louisburg, and Youngsville churches in Eastern North Carolina.

GEORGE HAWKINS, student pastor of First Church, Montgomery, Ala., is studying at Alabama State University in Montgomery while serving as pastor of the church.

RICHARD M. WARD, member of Carroll Heights Church in Atlanta, is continuing his education at Morehouse College and is assisting the pastor, Lucius Albert, at the church.

TERRY CLARK, pastor of Jones Chapel at Woodbury, Ga., entered Candler School of Theology, Emory University, in Atlanta, this September and will continue as pastor of Jones Chapel.

MRS. BARBARA KINGSTON, a member of Plymouth Church, Charleston, is continuing her seminary studies at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia, S. C.

JOHN RHODES, pastor of First Church in Phenix City, Ala., continues his education at Columbus College, Columbus, Ga.

ALGYNON REID, a student in care of the Ga. - S. C. Association, is a student at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

DON ORANDER, pastor of Brookmeade Church in Nashville, is attending the Clinical Pastoral Educational Program at Vanderbilt University Hospital for 12 months, beginning Sept. 11,

DATES TO REMEMBER

Ala.-Tenn. Assoc. — October 7, 1972, Knoxville, Church of the Savior
Central Ala. Assoc. — Oct. 15, 1972, East Ala. Assoc.—Oct. 11, First Church, Phenix City

Oct. 12 — First Church, Columbus
North Ala. Assoc. — Sept. 30, 1972, Houston, Old Liberty Church
South Ala.-N. W. Fla. Assoc. — October 14, 1972, Clio, New Hope Church
Ga. - S. C. Assoc. — Oct. 20-22, 1972, Atlanta, Central Cong. Church

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Outreach Birmingham

OTHER DATES

Oct. 1, 11:00 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. — Dedication of New Church Building, Knoxville, Church of the Savior
Oct. 1 — World-wide Communion — Neighbors in Need Offering

Oct. 8 — Laity Sunday

Oct. 8, 11:00 A. M. — Recognition of "Memorials", Knoxville, Church of the Savior

Oct. 8, 3:30 P. M. — Installation of W. Walter Hall as pastor of Pleasant Hill Community Church

Oct. 29 - Nov. 5 — Youth Week

Oct. 29 — Reformation Sunday

Nov. 3 — World Community Day

Nov. 5, 4:00 P. M. — Installation of Rev. William T. Scott Jr., as pastor of Central Cong. Church, Atlanta

Nov. 5, 11:30 A. M. — Midway Cong. Church celebrates a month of tithing and the Christian Enlistment

Nov. 19 — American Indian Sunday Offering

LOOKING FOR HELP???

If you've not yet seen it, the July-August issue of the United Church Herald included a sixteen-page "handbook" on How to Strengthen Your Local Church. This, incidentally, is the last issue of the United Church Herald in its familiar format. September began the United Church Herald edition of A. D. 1972, published in cooperation with PRESBYTERIAN LIFE.

Another resource you may have missed was the May 1972 issue of THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY, which is built around the minister as organizer and planner. Included in the magazine is an article by UCC pastor, Peter Ainslie, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

1972. He will continue as pastor of Brookmeade.

Family Thank Offering Highlights 3 Projects

The 1972 Family Thank Offering — an over-and-above gift of love for special projects which could not otherwise be funded — is received by many churches in the fall.

The three projects for which many have been putting gifts into Family Thank Offering boxes this year are:

UCBWM — Leadership Training for Developing Countries, \$100,000; Council for American Indian Ministry; New Ministries for Youth, \$50,000; CCSA - Leadership Development for Peace Education and Action, \$75,000.

Description of these and ideas for a dedication service are given in 1972 With Heart — With Mind, free from Central Distribution Service, Box 7286, St. Louis, Missouri 63177.

Additional Program Resources Ready

Purchasers of a yearly subscription for LAITY RESOURCES (1972-73) should have received their second packet (Additional Program Resources) in September. It contains a FAITH EXPLORATION PACKET, programs for THE TURN OF THE YEAR (Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, New Year), a leaflet with suggestions for Laity Sunday, and the 1973 Family Thank Offering Booklet.

It is not too late to get full use of LAITY RESOURCES — send \$5.00 to Central Distribution Service, Box 7286, St. Louis, Mo. 63177 and you will receive PROGRAM RESOURCES, the new ADDITIONAL PROGRAM RESOURCES, and a third packet about the first of the year. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM RESOURCES may be ordered separately for \$1.00.

EMILIE PITCOCK...

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Church Curriculum; Lay Life and Work; visitation with churches and training local leaders; Ecumenical activities in the several states; youth regional meetings and annual meetings; planning and assembling of the Southeast News each month.

Emilie and her aunt, Miss Nettie Pitcock, will continue to make their home at 2925 Appling Drive, Atlanta, Ga. 30341. Their telephone number is 1-404-451-6975. They will be happy to continue to hear and have visits from friends and relatives at their home.

Rev. Robert Butziger Begins Ministry In The Robbins Parish

In August 1972, the Rev. Robert Butziger moved to the Robbins Parish, buying a home in Deer Lodge, Tenn. Mr. Butziger is an ordained United Presbyterian Minister, with special skills in organizing community service and moving small rural congregations into positions of strength and concern.

During the next year, Mr. Butziger will be involved in a growing Christian ministry in the Scott and Morgan County area of East Tennessee. This project will provide ministerial leadership for the three United Church of Christ churches in the Robbins Parish and also help develop, on an ecumenical basis, a ministry which will coordinate the work of many small churches in the area and stimulate programs to solve the many pressing social problems that exist in the Appalachian area.

Mr. Butziger's activities will include not only church duties each week and each Sunday, but he will also act as a catalyst to upgrade the social services in the area by coordinating the services already there and implementing new ones.

Miss Annie Campbell had served the Parish for the past eleven years, during which time she not only led the churches in worship, but she developed such things as a library service throughout the county, a craft coop, a thrift shop, a Girl Scout troop. Under her leadership a community building was constructed in the Robbins community with the help of the Board for Homeland Ministries and this building is now ready for operation and program.

REFORMATION SUNDAY is scheduled for October 29, 1972. The United Church of Christ Task Force on Women in the Church is asking the women of the churches to join in this celebration, and is requesting the churches to make special efforts to recognize the role of women in the churches on this particular day. Special helps and suggestions have been prepared, and may be secured by writing: Tilda Norberg, U. C. C. Task Force on Women, 297 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10010.

Church Schools Gear Up

PILGRIM CHURCH, CHATTANOOGA, has their church school teachers and officers ready for the educational program this year. They met in a Church School Planning Retreat at Chickamauga Fly & Bait Casting Club, Saturday, Sept. 9, 1972, surveyed materials, learned to know pupils and prepared for the Rally Day on Sept. 10.

Sunday, Sept. 17, the students in the Church School became acquainted with the curriculum. Sunday, Sept. 24, children met as a group while parents and teachers had a joint meeting to discuss cooperation in the Church School program. On that day, teachers and officers were installed during the worship service at 11 a. m.

The pastor, David Beebe, expressed "Thanks for their willingness to share in this vital part of our church life."

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PILGRIM CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, Church School opened Sept. 10 with a full staff and program. Larry McNair is the superintendent. The Day School began Sept. 11, with an open house set for the 3's on Sept. 7 and for the 4's and 5's on Sept. 8. "Juice, no cookies, was served, but maybe there were lots of apples for the teachers."

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CENTRAL CHURCH, ATLANTA, Church School began Sept. 24. This year Church School will be a one-hour program at the 11:00 o'clock hour only, with a special program during the 10 o'clock hour, beginning Oct. 29 and going through Dec. 10, from the 10 a. m. to the 11 a. m. hour.

This special program is an innovation at Central and all of the members, as families, will be invited to share in this unique experience, which will comprise 7 sessions. These sessions are a building process of which the whole family can become a part. This method is known as "The Learning Community", which takes in all the family from grandma to the four-year-old.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Cullman, held promotion Sunday and Rally Day on Sept. 3. All members of the Sunday School met together upstairs and the 33 members receiving perfect attendance pins are to be congratulated. Following the service they went to their new classes,

The Church Council has voted a non-interest loan of \$1,000 for 5 years to the Church of the Savior in Knoxville. St. John's Church also voted a

Uplands Celebrates 50th Anniversary

1972 is Uplands' 50th anniversary year. Many special events are planned. On Saturday, Sept. 30, beginning at 10 a. m. Dr. Hobart A. Burch, General Secretary, Division of Health and Welfare, U. C. B. H. M., of New York, was the guest speaker. There was a parade of retirement homes, a dinner at Cumberland Mountain State Park, and a folk dance in the Community House at Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

Rev. H. Wayne Peck is the Executive Director of Uplands Retirement Center and Rev. W. Walter Hall is pastor of the Community Church at Pleasant Hill.

Roy L. Chatham Retires

After 25 years of pastoral service to the Hillside Congregational Christian Church of LaGrange, Ga., the Rev. Roy L. Chatham is retiring from full-time ministry.

Under his leadership there have been 274 new members received into the church, a new church building costing \$50,000 has been built, and the church is now in the process of building a parsonage. Seven persons entered the ministry, 62 children were baptized, and 94 marriages performed.

His retirement became effective September 30th.



ROY L. CHATHAM

10% increase in their O. C. W. M. giving, making their goal \$2,500 for 1973. Rev. George Fidler is pastor of St. John's.

KNOXVILLE CHURCH...

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the Westminster Presbyterian Church on North Shore Drive.

The most striking feature of the building is the full-length full-height skylight which provides a dramatic sweep to the interior of the building. A balcony surrounds two sides of the main sanctuary and a bridge across the center breaks the main floor into two portions: an entrance hall and lounge area and the main worship area. The roof is supported by open wooden beams coupled by heavy wood decking.

The remainder of the building is arranged on a split level styling with one level below the main floor and two above. Although the style of the building has been pointed to the new open flexible pattern in worship and in education, there are four enclosed spaces to provide a range of activities for various age levels.

In the development of the building design a primary requirement was that the building should not be limited to a few hours of activity on Sunday, but that it should serve as an activity center for the community and to enable the congregation to sponsor special programs in outreach and education. Before the building was designed, a careful study was undertaken by task groups representing all phases of the church's work and interests. Without waiting for the completion of the new building, a number of these special programs have already started.

For almost three years now a group of seven or eight members have gone one evening a week to Eastern State to conduct classes in art. At the beginning, only a few patients came, but now each evening some twenty-five to forty take part. Other programs already going are the cooperative use of facilities with the Commission on Religion in Appalachia, sharing of facilities with Child and Family Services and work with the aging in cooperation with Uplands Retirement Center at Pleasant Hill, Tennessee.

In addition, a program of kindergarten for physically handicapped children is under consideration. Other longer-range programs include ecumenical and interracial work with other churches and concern for underprivileged and minority groups and the economic problems of aging and minorities. Community planning in connec-

PEOPLE: CHRISTIAN AND NON-CHRISTIAN

The church is hard at work in some areas. Yet there are so many doing nothing for the Lord or for anyone else. Read the following two analyses of what is taking place in our world.

FOR SALE

ONE CROSS — nearly new. I cannot carry it and stay with my worldly crowd.

ONE TALENT — brand new, never used. Hidden under a bushel for years.

ONE BUNDLE OF OPPORTUNITIES — valuable, but unused, because I have been spiritually blind.

ONE VACANT PEW — used only a few times after I joined the church. Kept clean by the church sexton for many years.

ONE BIBLE — laid on the shelf and untouched since I stopped going to church.

SOUVENIR OFFERING ENVELOPES — a real "collector's item." Four years of boxes unopened; can be used again when dates correspond. I never had money to buy what I wanted, and give some to God too.

Signed,

Lotta Christians

Contrast this report with the United Church 1971 Statistical Report of the Benevolent Institutions that you help support:

52 homes for the aging — 10,627 patients

3 homes for the retarded — 328 patients

5 settlement houses — 42,654 clients

12 hospitals — 685,773 patients

13 homes for children — 1,178 children.

As I understand life, I see people who live for God and people who don't. My hope and prayer is that we here at St. John's will continue to do all that we can so that misery and loneliness will be abated.

—The Visitor

George A. Fidler, Pastor

St. John's UCC, Cullman, Ala.

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tion with additional land owned by the church near the present site is slated for study in the near future.

The minister is Donald P. Flick.

First Church, Belvidere, Gets Letter Of Commendation

Pastor James E. Cowlshaw
Route 2
Belvidere, Tenn. 37306

Dear Mr. Cowlshaw,

The members of the First United Church of Christ in Belvidere have brightened the lives of many people here on this Monday morning!

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Munson have forwarded, for work overseas, the honorarium you so generously gave them, along with a note that says:

"Enclosed is the church bulletin — thought you'd be interested in the OCWM giving of this church. Sort of gives one a lift."

It gives us more than a lift here. We sometimes fall into the trap of thinking that our churches do not care about the wider mission. The Christian commitment shown by your church in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing proves your members have real concern for others. We here and many around the world are heartened by your giving.

The 99th homecoming was, I'm certain, a joyous affair. I wish that I might have participated with such a vital congregation. Congratulations and many happy returns of the day.

God bless you in your ministry and each member as he seeks to carry out the will of our Master.

Faithfully,

(Signed) Dalton Smith

Assistant to the Executive Vice-President — United Church Board for World Ministries.

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James Desmond Spends Summer At Robbins Parish

Mr. James Desmond came to the Robbins Parish through the ASSIST program of the United Church of Christ. He spent the summer serving the Robbins Parish in Tennessee and aided in work in the Knoxville Church.

Mr. Desmond is a junior in the Psychology Department of the University of Hartford. He is married and has a three-year-old daughter. He has spent two years at the Bangor Theological Seminary in Bangor, Maine.

During the summer he worked in four different communities in the Scott and Morgan counties of Tennessee, helping the people there to develop imagination for the future well-being of their communities.

He was involved with the Petros Action Club of the area, a youth program with crafts and sports activities. The First United Methodist Church of Oak Ridge shared in the support of Mr. Desmond during the summer. His work in the Robbins Parish included the leading of worship services on Sunday, as well as assisting in a Vacation Bible School program in three communities and in getting the Robbins Community Center building in operation.

Mr. Desmond shared in Camp Ozone, which is a joint camping project of the United Presbyterians and United Church of Christ. He considers it a shame that more United Church of Christ people were not involved there. A very moving experience came in the rededication service in which he asked if anyone had experienced Christ that week in the camp, and the whole camp responded by coming forward, kneeling, and shouting, "We love you, Jesus."

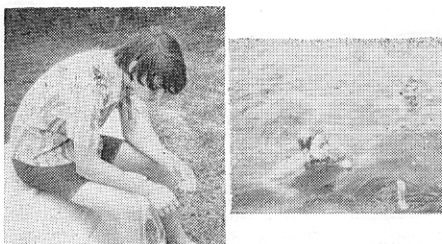
In the Knoxville Church of the Savior, he supplied, during July, the services of worship, conducting also adult religious classes. He distributed brochures to about 300 families in the area of the Church of the Savior.

A PRAYER

Thou that hast giv'n so much to me,
Give one thing more,
A grateful heart.

— George Hubert

MRS. F. C. LESTER (Emily) had surgery for lung cancer on September 8th in Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C. She appears to be getting along



Ricky Myers eating watermelon
Clint Moore and Eddie Smith in race
Roosevelt State Park — 8/72

CAMP REPORT

Christian Education extended out into the beautiful camp setting at Franklin Roosevelt State Park in August. Seventeen staff members and twenty-nine campers were in attendance, and according to the reports, "Camp was never dull; camp was in truth 'real'; it was hectic and it was glorious. Seeds of appreciation and respect for differences sprouted and grew, fertilized by genuine confrontations; viewpoints were not only freely expressed but came to be listened to. It was a program by the campers and counseled by skillful adults."

Certainly a great deal of the credit for such an enjoyable experience at camp this year must go to Rev. Emilie Pitcock and the other staff members, but everyone who attended is to be commended for his contribution to its success.

Camp Roosevelt State Park is one of three camps available in the Southeast Conference during the year. If you did not attend one this year, be sure to get your registration in early next year.

Churchmen's Fellowship Project

This year the Churchmen's Fellowship Project focuses again on one of the Thank Offering programs—"Leadership Training in Developing Countries for the 21st Century." As indicated on page 7 of the Family Thank Offering Booklet, gifts to this project will support programs like the Center for Studies in Rural Development at Ahmednagar College, India; the church music leadership program in Mexico; the Community Organization Training Center in Singapore; or the National Leaders Seminar at Mindolo Center, Zambia.

fine, and her home address is: 1113 N. Rotary Drive, High Point, N. C. 27262.

"Three To Get Ready, And Four To Go"

If your congregation is planning and working for a complete Christian Enlistment this year, you will realize that "three to get ready, and four to go . . ." refers to phases in the new Christian Enlistment process. Phase three, Designing the Budget, should now be complete, and phase four, Promoting the Enlistment, should be underway.

The weeks seem to grow shorter between the opening of school in September and Enlistment Sunday, which is usually set for the second Sunday in November. The purpose of the crucial "phase four" is to help every member of the congregation become more fully aware of the needs to be met by your church's work, from local to worldwide mission.

If, by chance, your congregation has not yet undertaken the Christian Enlistment program, September is just about your last chance to do something new and creative to enliven your annual fund-raising efforts.

A recent study of nearly 3,500 persons in the United States and Canada revealed that nearly half of the lay persons interviewed (48.5%) felt that a yearly visit to collect financial commitments or pledges for next year's church budget is a good idea, and that 13.5 percent increased their giving because of such a visit.

The Pretty Yellow Bus Has Arrived

June 1, 1972, will long be remembered by the Marthasville Emmaus Home residents as the day a long-awaited and eagerly-hoped-for dream came true, as a brand new, shiny yellow bus slowly made its way across the bridge and up the drive to Emmaus.

Although now a very much permanent part of the landscape, it is not at all taken for granted. At least once a week since its arrival it has been on the road to somewhere — a somewhere of swimming, picnics, ball games, opera, camping trips, barbecues, etc.

The greatest thanks should be to the auxiliary group known as "Friends of Emmaus Marthasville", which originated the project and raised the sizeable amount of money needed.

Word Comes Of Death Of Mrs. Allan G. Saunders

Mrs. Hope Saunders, age 53, died Aug. 22, 1972, in Memorial Hospital, Johnson City, following five days of pneumonia. She had never had any serious illness or hospitalization and had worked at College of Health, East Tennessee State University the day she entered the hospital.

For fifteen years Mrs. Saunders was a member of the Congregational Church at Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Birmingham, and was church secretary for four years at the latter church when Allan Saunders was moderator of the Southeast Conference.

Their son Bob is minister at Central Congregational Church, Topeka, Kansas; a son, Chip, is employed with Motorola Communications in Michigan; a son, Douglas, at home, is a junior at E. T. S. U.

Burial was in the National Cemetery, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Agnes Flood Damage Great

Weeks after Agnes churned her way slowly up the East Coast dumping record rains on community after community, relief agencies are still engaged in helping those who suffered flood damage.

The United Church Board for World Ministries Service Division was able to make thousands of dollars available immediately to flood victims.

Churches and individuals have sent contributions to the UCC's "Flood Relief Fund" through the Service Division. It is apparent that more funds will be needed from many sources.

"As the individual stories of loss and suffering have piled up, it becomes apparent that the legacy of Agnes will plague many communities for months and even years," said the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Anthony, who heads the UCC Service Division. "The headlines have gone, but the kind of human need that we must try to meet goes on."

Contributions from churches and individuals for flood relief can be sent to the Southeast Conference office designated for this purpose.

AMERICAN INDIAN SUNDAY SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

Mr. and Mrs. John Smeltzer, 3602 Belmont Circle, Cleveland, Tenn. 37311, had the opportunity of taking a United Church of Christ tour through the American Indian reservations of North and South Dakota in 1972. They are available for speaking engagements in support of American Indian Sunday Offering on November 19, 1972.

HOW WILL YOU VOTE?

When your church asks you to decide about your giving.

In the coming year I will give:		
+	☐ more	A vote for the church to attempt more ministries in Christ's name
=	☐ same	A vote for the church to do a little less (inflated dollars buy less)
-	☐ less	A vote for the church to cut back on ministries to people

Probably the only way you can cast a "more" vote is to spend less on yourself. Before you vote think about Christ's self-offering love, the desperate needs of millions of your fellow humans, and your own circumstances as an American Christian. Consider General Synod's suggestion that each member give to his church at least \$1 per week for every \$1,000 of annual income. Then think again about your vote.

Stewardship Council, United Church of Christ

SET ONE SUNDAY...

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materials within a few days which will help its members observe American Indian Sunday with a special all-church offering. The Council for American Indian Ministry, which will administer the funds raised by this offering, is composed entirely of Indians representing those groups in Wisconsin and North and South Dakota, with whom our churches have worked for nearly a hundred years.

Won't you follow the advice of the American Indian Sunday poster and help give these First Americans, our fellow church members, "an even chance" to obtain the advantages which we enjoy? Special study groups, trips, dinners, and displays can all help every member of your church — young and old — to learn and to do something about the problems which American Indians face.

Gleanings From Newsletters

It's a crazy world when a boy gets up at 4:00 a. m. each morning to deliver papers and people say he is a "go-getter." If the church asks him to come do some work for his Lord Jesus, many say, "That's asking too much of a boy!"

If a woman spends eight hours a day away from her home working or hours in her garden, she is called an "energetic wife". If, however, she is willing to do the same for her Savior, many say, "Religion has gone to her head."

If one ties himself down to make payments of \$30 each month for an item of personal enjoyment, he pays it willingly. But if the same person placed that much in his offering envelopes each month to help win some soul for eternity, many would say, "He's crazy!"

This is a crazy world indeed where first things (time and talent for Jesus) come last, and last things (temporal items) come first. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:23.

—Zion United Church of Christ
Canton, Ohio

Observe Laity Sunday, Oct. 8

"As You Go" (Matthew 10:7) will be the theme used by some churches as they gain ideas for its development from the current worship/program booklet by that name (75c from Central Distribution Service, Box 7286, St. Louis, Mo. 63177)

Others will choose to have a "Christian Happening" using new forms of worship and celebration.

Still others will find it an opportunity for a "Faith Exploration" using some of the "Adventures in Faith" which have appeared in Laity Resources.

(Dimension: Faith packet 70c from CDS)

And some will combine it with the Family Thank Offering ingathering service.

Whatever the theme, please be sure to include men and women, young and old, in your service — and make it different enough to be remembered!